GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:205
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2007
ENCROACHMENT ON RAILWAY LAND
Appadurai Shri M.;Reddy Shri Mekapati Rajamohan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a substantial part of the prime land owned by the Railways is under encroachment by unauthorised persons and land grabbers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps undertaken by the Railways to get the encroachments removed?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 205 BY SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN REDDY AND SHRI M. APPADURAI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.11.2007 REGARDING ENCROACHMENT ON RAILWAY LAND

(a) & (b): As on 30.09.2007, out of total land holding of approximately 4.31 lakh hectare, only about 1575 hectare of Railway land is under encroachment which includes area along the tracks as well as area near the stations. Zone-wise details are as under:

Zones	Number of encroachments	Area (in Hectare) under encroachments
Central	27476	77.4
Eastern	11266	24.56
East Central	7779	17.55
East Coast	3599	30.88
Northern	32020	726.40
North Central	2681	53.91
North Eastern	2832	32.13
Northeast Frontier	14124	172.90
North Western	1047	19.39
Southern	9897	64.98
South Central	2991	29.22
South Eastern	8646	169.57
Southeast Central	12152	58.21
South Western	861	13.762
Western	7764	40.59
West Central	1131	43.817
Total	146627	1575.75

(c): Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to free their land of encroachments as per provisions of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 and the Railways Act, 1989 with the co-operation of the local State Government authorities.